

BRAVERY COST HIS LIFE.

Salvato Samara Would Not Run Because Washington Never Did.

Stood by a Lighted Blast with a Fellow-Workman, Who Had Taunted Him.

THE LATTER FLED JUST IN TIME.

Triumphant Laugh of the Victor Followed by an Explosion—Was Buried Under a Shower of Falling Rocks and Killed Instantly.

Salvato Samara's bravery cost his life yesterday. He was nineteen years old and was employed by Peter Howlett, who has charge of the blasting on the new reservoir which is being built at Morris Park. A few days ago he got into a quarrel with Pietro Lucio, twenty-two years old, who lives at the Park, and although they have since been bad friends, they have been on speaking terms. Yesterday, while at work, they were discussing George Washington.

"Washington was a greata man," said Salvato, as he shovelled away near where the blast was being made ready.

"Yes," replied Pietro, "and he never ran—he was too brave a man to run."

"I'm so good a man as Washington," said Salvato.

Three or four of the workmen heard Salvato's boast and laughed and giped at him. They called him Washington and told him that he would run faster and further when the blast was set off than anybody else. Salvato's most persistent tormentor was Pietro.

"We see who is the brava man when the blast goes off," said Salvato, significantly to Pietro.

"Alla right," replied Pietro.

The two men worked on in silence until the command was given by Foreman Howlett to get out of danger, as the blasts were ready to be touched off. Every man ran at the top of his speed except Salvato and Pietro. They dropped their shovels and looked at each other fiercely without moving a step.

"Run, run, or you'll be killed!" shouted the foreman; but the two young men stood still, glaring at each other.

A minute passed and Pietro began to move away.

"You a brava man! You a brava man!" shouted Salvato, following slowly.

Then Pietro became thoroughly frightened and ran as fast as he could. Salvato laughed ironically, but wouldn't run. He had not gone more than forty feet away when one of the blasts went off and a big shower of rocks fell on Salvato. When it was safe workmen ran to Salvato's side and picked his bleeding body up and carried it to a shanty. An ambulance was called from Fordham Hospital.

"The man was killed instantly," said Dr. Reilly. "His skull is crushed and half a dozen bones are broken in his body."

Then the men quit work and refused to do anything more yesterday.

LITHOGRAPHERS TO STRIKE

They Do Theatrical Bill Work Principally and Will Go Out All Over the Country.

A general strike of the lithographic artists of the United States and Canada was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Insurance and Protective Association of Lithographic Artists. The strike will begin to-morrow morning and the men involved on both sides insist that they will not surrender. It promises to be a long fight and an expensive one.

The strikers demand that piece work be entirely abandoned; that forty-four hours shall constitute a week's work; that they receive an extra compensation for extra work, and that \$18 a week shall be the minimum of wages received. About 100 will go out, half of which number are employed in this city. They are principally in theatrical posters and such class of matter. A few of the employers were willing to accede to the demands, but at yesterday's meeting it was decided that the interests of the artists would best be subserved by a general strike.

RANGE SALUTED THE RANGERS.

Blew Up with Terrific Force and Spoiled Their Breakfast.

The Washington Rangers, dressed in fantastic costumes, went in coaches to Gutting's Park, at One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Amsterdam avenue, yesterday, to celebrate the day. The park had been closed since last fall, and a force of cooks and waiters began preparing breakfast for the Rangers about 4 o'clock in the morning. A big fire was built in the range in the kitchen.

At work there were Herman Jacob, twenty-seven years old, of No. 509 Washington street, Brooklyn, and James Fierbach, twenty-three years old, of No. 42 Rivington street. The fire had been burning about an hour when the range blew up with a terrific report.

The pieces of metal blew in every direction and hot water shot across the room. Jacob and Fierbach were knocked down and badly burned and scalded about the face and neck, but not seriously injured. They were attended by an ambulance surgeon from Manhattan Hospital and went home.

The kitchen was wrecked and the windows shattered. Frozen water pipes leading to the range caused the explosion.

HEARING ON THE SUNDAY BILL.

Delegation with a Big Petition to Go to Albany.

Senator Frank W. Higgins has notified the German-American Citizens' Union that the joint committee has decided to grant them a hearing on the Sunday bill next Thursday, February 27, at 2 p. m. On this occasion a petition with over 15,000 signatures will also be presented. Arrangements are now perfected for the delegation which is to appear at Albany in support of the measure. The delegation comprises clergymen, business men, professional men and workmen. They will start from the Grand Central Depot Thursday morning on the 9:30 train, travelling in a special car to Albany, and immediately upon their arrival will proceed to the Capitol, taking the petition along. John B. Parnes, president of the German-American Citizens' Union, will make the opening address on behalf of the petitioning citizens. Carl Schurz is also expected to address the committee.

Peterson Benevolent Society's Ball.

The masquerade ball of the Peterson Benevolent Society at the Grand Central Palace on February 23 promises to be a most successful affair. Three tableaux vivants will be exhibited, celebrating Hungary's one thousandth birthday. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of a new building for the society.

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BRANSCOM TO FREE CUBA

Thinks if He Can Get American Women Interested the Victory Is Won.

The Fair Leader of the Movement Can Marry the President of the New Republic.

AN EFFORT TO RAISE MORE MONEY.

He Wants Clubs Formed and Bonds Subscribed For—The Latter Have Been Printed and Are Ready for Palma's Signature.

Brilliant matrimonial possibilities and undying fame await wealthy lady who will espouse the cause of Cuba, the free people of Cuba, the free people of Cuba.

The above advertisement appeared in one of last Sunday's papers. It was answered by a woman reporter, who received the following reply:

Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 18, 1896.

Madam—The object of the Liberty, to which you kindly replied, is to enlist a lady of means and influence in the cause of Cuba, one who could raise money among the independent and the wealthy, where a man could do nothing successfully. If you are the right lady and disposed to devote yourself to the cause, you may gain fame to rival that of Harriet Beecher Stowe, which really led to the freedom of Southern slaves.

The slavery of Cuba is more deplorable than that of the South, and may become hopeless without help from the free of this country. For every dollar you might contribute or raise, the Cuban Republic will give you in New York an equal amount in bonds, that will be worth per and interest the day Cuba is free, which should be this year with proper timely help here.

Should you espouse the cause of Cuba and do all you may, you will thus win any husband you desire. I am a bachelor, but have no other dream nor aspiration than to win a "Bride for Cuba."

If you want to assist Cuba, every particular and guarantee will be given at an interview. I am an American, and have been identified with the cause of Cuba, contributing my business profits and labor for nearly three years, and came here on this mission from Cuba and the South lately.

Should you care to go deeper into the subject name and place for interview. Yours very truly, A. C. BRANSCOM.

P. S.—Am well known in New York, and some well known people there are ready to help the cause.

WOMEN THEIR HOPE.

The woman reporter met Mr. Branscom by appointment yesterday afternoon and had a long interview with him. According to his story, he is connected with the Florida and Cuba Produce Company, at Tampa, Fla., and has been sent here by the revolutionists in Cuba to enlist American sympathy in their cause.

He is a tall, spare man, of perhaps sixty years, and boasts of having lost his right arm in the Rebellion.

"I could be one of the generals in Cuba," he said, with a shade of pride in his voice, "anything I like, they have so much confidence in me."

Then, in a lower tone, as though afraid the walls might hear, he added:

"My mission here is much broader than that first entrusted to me. I can't tell you all now, for you know they say women can't keep secrets, but you'll know all later on."

Mr. Branscom explained how he came to insert the advertisement.

"It was all my own idea. I knew if I could only get women interested in it, the Cuban cause was as good as won. I am a great believer in women, you know, a great believer. Their power is mighty. Limitless. Now, just take the women of the South during our war. They forced the men to fight—they would not accept their sweethearts except under condition that they should enter the Confederate Army."

"Now, my plan in regard to Cuba is this. You can interest some of your friends in the Cuban cause and form a club, which shall be the nucleus of hundreds of other clubs all over this country, whose members shall pledge themselves to raise funds to aid in freeing Cuba. I know if they only go about it in the right way they will succeed, for they will not be asking charity."

"For every dollar obtained, another will be paid back in bonds by the Republic of Cuba. Palma, who is really President of Cuba, is now in Washington, but will return Monday and will sign the bonds. They are all ready at a bank note company's office, and are in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500. These will be redeemed at par and with interest the day Cuba is free."

PLAN FOR FLOATING BONDS.

"This, in other words, is the plan for floating the Cuban bonds?" Mr. Branscom was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "but I will have the whole scheme nicely defined and written out, so that it may be presented to people from whom money is to be solicited in a concise, business-like way."

"The smallest subscription one can ask for is \$50?"

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